

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.193
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2016

FM SERVICES

***193 DR THOKCHOM MEINYA :**
SHRI ALOK SANJAR

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

- (a) whether a number of district headquarters/small towns/villages are yet to be covered under FM radio service across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the time by which these areas are likely to be covered under these services;
- (b) the criteria laid down for selection of cities for grant of FM radio licence;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to give licence to set up more private FM radio stations in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether any State has been left out in the proposal for setting up private FM radio stations and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government has proposed any key changes in the existing 'FM Licencing & Transmission Policy' and if so, the details thereof along with impact of the said changes in development of FM sector in the country.?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
[SHRI M.VENKAIAH NAIDU]

- (a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
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The present Policy on expansion of FM Radio Broadcasting services through Private Agencies (Phase-III) approved by Union Cabinet on 07.07.2011 seeks to extend FM radio services to 227 new and uncovered cities, in addition to the present 67 cities, with a total of 839 new FM radio channels in 294 cities. The details of these 227 new cities are at **Annexure-I**. Under Phase-III Policy, new FM channels are to be awarded through an auction process.

The Policy envisages setting up of Private FM radio channels in all cities/towns having population above one lakh (based on 2001 census). As an exception to this stipulation, 11 towns in Jammu & Kashmir, North East & Island Territories (having population less than one lakh) have also been proposed for setting up FM radio channels.

Out of 227 new cities identified for introduction of Private FM Radio, applications have already been invited for awarding licence through e-auction in 69 cities under batch-II of FM Phase-III. The details of these 69 cities are at **Annexure-II**.

No State has been left out in the proposal for introduction of Private FM Radio in these 227 new cities.

Two key changes have been made in the existing FM Phase-III Policy. Existing permission holders have been allowed to migrate their Phase-II licenses to Phase-III on payment of migration fee. Besides, the FDI/FII limit under FM Phase-III has been enhanced to 49% from the earlier 26%. With migration the existing channels will continue uninterrupted and their employees will be able to retain their employment. The increase in FDI is expected to provide the companies with additional capital in setting up of FM radio channels in uncovered cities.

As far as All India Radio is concerned, setting up of FM transmitters at new locations is being taken up in phased manner depending on availability of resources.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA
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IS No	State	Name of Cities/Towns	Channels available for Phase III
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	ADONI	3
2.		ANANTPUR	3
3.		BHEEMAVARAM	3
4.		CHIRALA	3
5.		CHITTOOR	3
6.		CUDDAPAH	3
7.		DHARAMAVARAM	3
8.		ELURU	3
9.		GUNTAKAL	3
10.		HINDUPUR	3
11.		KAKINADA	4
12.		KURNOOL	4
13.		MACHILLPATNAM	3
14.		MADANAPALLE	3
15.		NANDYAL	3
16.		NELLORE	4
17.		ONGOLE	3
18.		PRODDATUR	3
19.	ANDMAN & NICOBAR	PORTBLAIR	3
20.	ASSAM	DIBRUGARH	3
21.		JORHAT	3
22.		NAGAON (NOWGANG)	3
23.		SILCHAR	3
24.	TINSUKIA	3	
25.	BIHAR	ARRAH	3
26.		BEGUSARAI	3
27.		BETTIAH	3
28.		BHAGALPUR	4
29.		BIHAR SHAREEF	3
30.		CHAPRA	3
31.		DARBHANGA	3
32.		GAYA	4
33.		MOTIHARI	3
34.		MUNGER	3
35.		MUZZAFFARPUR	3
36.		PURNIA	3
37.		SAHARSA	3
38.		SASARAM	3
39.		SIWAN	3
40.	CHHATISGARH	DURG-BHILLAINAGAR	3
41.		JAGDALPUR	3
42.		KORBA	3
43.		RAJGARH	3

44.	DAMAN & DIU	DAMAN	3
45.	GUJARAT	BHARUCH	3
46.		BHAVNAGAR	4
47.		BOTAD	3
48.		DOHAD	3
49.		GODHRA	3
50.		JAMNAGAR	4
51.		JETPUR NAVAGADH	3
52.		JUNAGADH	3
53.		MAHESANA	3
54.		PALANPUR	3
55.		PATAN	3
56.		PORBANDAR	3
57.		SURENDRANAGAR DUDHREJ	3
58.		VERAVAL	3
59.	WADHWAN (SURENDRNAGAR)	3	
60.	HARYANA	AMBALA	3
61.		BHADURGARH	3
62.		BHIWANI	3
63.		JIND	3
64.		KAITHAI	3
65.		PANIPAT	3
66.		REWARI	3
67.		ROHTAK	3
68.		SIRSA	3
69.	THANESAR	3	
70.	JHARKHAND	BOKARO STEEL CITY	3
71.		DEOGHAR	3
72.		DHANBAD	4
73.		GIRIDIH	3
74.		HAZARIBAG	3
75.	KARNATAKA	BELGAUM	4
76.		BELLARY	4
77.		BIDAR	3
78.		BIJAPUR	3
79.		CHIKMAGALUR	3
80.		CHITRADURGA	3
81.		DEVENGERI	4
82.		GADAG BETIGERI	3
83.		HASSAN	3
84.		HOSPET	3
85.		HUBLI-DHARWAD	4
86.		KOLAR	3
87.		RAICHUR	3
88.		SHIMOGA	3
89.		TUMKUR	3
90.		UDUPI	3
91.	KERALA	ALAPPUZHA (ALLEPPEY)	4
92.		KANHANGAD (KASARGOD)	3
93.		PALAKKAD	3
94.	LAKSHADWEEP	KAVARATI	3
95.		BURHANAPUR	3
96.		CHHATTARPUR	3

97.	MADHYA PRADESH	CHHINDWARA	3
98.		DAMOH	3
99.		GUNA	3
100.		ITARSI	3
101.		KHANDWA	3
102.		KHARGONE	3
103.		MANDSAUR	3
104.		MURWARA (KATNI)	3
105.		NEEMUCH	3
106.		RATLAM	3
107.		REWA	3
108.		SAGAR	4
109.		SATNA	3
110.	SHIVPURI	3	
111.	SINGRAULI	3	
112.	UJJAIN	4	
113.	VIDISHA	3	
114.	MAHARASHTRA	ACHALPUR	3
115.		AMRAVATI	4
116.		BARSHI	3
117.		GONDIYA	3
118.		LATUR	3
119.		MALEGAON	4
120.		WARDHA	3
121.		YAVATMAL	3
122.	MANIPUR	IMPHAL	3
123.	NAGALAND	DIMAPUR	3
124.		KOHIMA	3
125.	ODISHA	BALESHWAR	3
126.		BARIPADA	3
127.		BRAHMAPUR	3
128.		PURI	3
129.		SAMBALPUR	3
130.	PUNJAB	ABOHAR	3
131.		BHATINDA	3
132.		HOSHIARPUR	3
133.		LUDHIANA	4
134.		MOGA	3
135.		PATHANKOT	3
136.	RAJASTHAN	ALWAR	3
137.		BEAWAR	3
138.		BHARATPUR	3
139.		BHILWARA	3
140.		CHURU	3
141.		GANGANAGAR	3
142.		HANUMANGARH	3
143.		JHUNJHUNUN	3
144.		PALI	3
145.		SAWAI MADHOPUR	3
146.		SIKAR	3
147.	TONK	3	
148.		COONOR	3
149.		DINGDIGUL	3
150.		ERODE	4

151.	TAMIL NADU	KARAIKKUDI	3
152.		KARUR	3
153.		NAGARCOIL/KANYAKUMARI	3
154.		NEYVELI	3
155.		PUDUKKOTTAI	3
156.		RAJAPALAYAM	3
157.		SALEM	4
158.		THANJAVAR	3
159.		TIRUVANNAMLAI	3
160.		VANIYAMBADI	3
161.		VELLORE	4
162.	TELANGANA	ADILABAD	3
163.		ALWAL	3
164.		KARIMNAGAR	3
165.		KHAMMAM	3
166.		KOTHAGUDEM	3
167.		MAHBUBNAGAR	3
168.		MANCHERIAL	3
169.		NALGONDA	3
170.		NIZAMABAD	3
171.		RAMAGUNDAM	3
172.	UTTAR PRADESH	AZAMGARH	3
173.		BAHRAICH	3
174.		BALLIA	3
175.		BANDS	3
176.		BASTI	3
177.		BUDAUN	3
178.		DEORIA	3
179.		ETAH	3
180.		ETAWAH	3
181.		FAIZABAD/AYODHYA	3
182.		FARRUKHABAD CUM FATEHGARH	3
183.		FATEHPUR	3
184.		GHAZIPUR	3
185.		GONDA	3
186.		HARDOI	3
187.		JAUNPUR	3
188.		LAKHIMPUR	3
189.		LALITPUR	3
190.		MAINPURI	3
191.		MATHURA	3
192.	MAUNATH BHAJAN (DISTT. MAU)	3	
193.	MIRZAPUR CUM VINDHYACHAL	3	
194.	MORADABAD	4	
195.	MUZAFFARNAGAR	4	
196.	ORAI	3	
197.	RAE BARELLI	3	
198.	SAHARANPUR	4	
199.	SHAHJAHANPUR	4	
200.	SITAPUR	3	
201.	SULTANPUR	3	
202.	DEHRADUN	4	

203.	UTTARAKHAND	HALDWANI-CUM KATHGODAM	3
204.		HARIDWAR	3
205.	WEST BENGAL	ALIPURDUAR	3
206.		BAHARAMPUR	3
207.		BALURGHAT	3
208.		BANGAON	3
209.		BANKURA	3
210.		BARDDHAMAN	3
211.		DARJILING	3
212.		ENGLISH BAZAR (MALDAH)	3
213.		KHARAGPUR	3
214.		KRISHNANAGAR	3
215.		PURULIYA	3
216.	RAOGANJ	3	
CITIES/TOWNS IN BORDER AREAS OF J&K AND NE STATES			
217.	J&K	KARGIL	3
218.	J&K	LEH	3
219.	J&K	KATUA	3
220.	J&K	POONCH	3
221.	J&K	BHADERWAH	3
222.	ASSAM	DUBHARI	3
223.	ASSAM	HAFLONG	3
224.	MEGHALAYA	JOWAI	3
225.	MIZORAM	LUNG-LEI	3
226.	NAGALAND	MOKUKCHUNG	3
227.	TRIPURA	BELONIA	3

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 193 FOR REPLY ON 29.07.2016			
Name of City	State	Region	Channels available
a	b	c	d
Category "C"			
Alappuzha (Alleppey)	Kerala	S	4
Amravati	Maharashtra	W	4
Belgaum	Karnataka	S	4
Bellary	Karnataka	S	4
Bhavnagar	Gujarat	W	4
Dehradun	Uttarakhand	N	4
Devengeri	Karnataka	S	4
Erode	Tamil Nadu	S	4
Hubli-Dharwad	Karnataka	S	4
Jamnagar	Gujarat	W	4
Kakinada	Andhra Pradesh	S	4
Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	S	4
Malegaon	Maharashtra	W	4
Muzaffarnagar	Uttar Pradesh	N	4
Nellore	Andhra Pradesh	S	4
Saharanpur	Uttar Pradesh	N	4
Salem	Tamil Nadu	S	4
Shahjahanpur	Uttar Pradesh	N	4
Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh	W	4
Vellore	Tamil nadu	S	4
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Category "D"			
Achalpur	Maharashtra	W	3
Barshi	Maharashtra	W	3
Bharuch	Gujarat	W	3
Botad	Gujarat	W	3
Burhanapur	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Chhattarpur	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Chhindwara	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Damoh	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Dohad	Gujarat	W	3
Durg-Bhillainagar	Chhatisgarh	W	3
Godhra	Gujarat	W	3

Gondiya	Maharashtra	W	3
Guna	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Itarsi	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Jagdalpur	Chhatisgarh	W	3
Jetpur Navagadh	Gujarat	W	3
Junagadh	Gujarat	W	3
Khandwa	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Khargone	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Korba	Chhatisgarh	W	3
Mahesana	Gujarat	W	3
Mandsaur	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Murwara (Katni)	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Neemuch	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Palanpur	Gujarat	W	3
Patan	Gujarat	W	3
Porbandar	Gujarat	W	3
Rajgarh	Chhatisgarh	W	3
Ratlam	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Rewa	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Satna	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Shivpuri	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Singrauli	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Surendranagar Dudhrej	Gujarat	W	3
Veraval	Gujarat	W	3
Vidisha	Madhya Pradesh	W	3
Wardha	Maharashtra	W	3
Yavatmal	Maharashtra	W	3
	Sub total		114
Cities in Border Areas of J & K and NE states			
Kargil	J & K	N	3
Leh	J & K	N	3
Katua	J & K	N	3
Poonch	J & K	N	3
Bhaderwah	J & K	N	3
Dubhari	Assam	E	3
Haflong	Assam	E	3
Jowai	Meghalaya	E	3
Lung-lei	Mizoram	E	3
Mokukchung	Nagaland	E	3
Belonia	Tripura	E	3
	Sub total		33
TOTAL 69 NEW CITIES{Batch-II} including Border Area cities			227